

DIARY NOTES

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1. Talked to [redacted], and later to [redacted], about the money required for the System II Project. Even with Project AQUATONE picking up the tab for the [redacted] which has heretofore been in question, System II is still short some [redacted]. However, I do not believe that this needs to go back to the Project Review Committee and feel strongly that whatever the obligation it should be paid from Fiscal Year 1957 funds. I asked General [redacted] to pursue this with Ed Saunders and said that if there were any question about it to have Ed get in touch with me.

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2. Attended a farewell luncheon which the Director gave for Admiral [redacted]

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3. [redacted] advised me that he had carefully considered [redacted] and was prepared to accept him as the Deputy Chief of Administration in the Office of Communications. 25X1A9a

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4. [redacted] came to talk to me about his Fitness Report. He felt that [redacted] had not given him as good a Report as he deserved. I explained to him that in the course of a career one was likely to get a lot of different opinions as to how good he was and that he should go ahead and do the best job he could and not contest in any way the Report which John had rendered. It is not, in fact, a bad Report at all.

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5. Spent some time with [redacted] of the NEA Division discussing Project [redacted] which, among other things, needs [redacted] from the Reserve to get under way. I got an impression from them that they were more or less standing still until approval came for the release of the money from the Reserve and emphasized that this was not correct. I advised them that we would provide the money in some way and that they should pull out all the stops to get the Project on the road.